BLUES TO ELECT

Much Discussion as to Who Will Be Major if Bowles Declines.

NEWS IN MILITARY CIRCLES

Imitation of Real Warfare at Seventieth Regiment Armory During Entertainment.

Bowles May Get It.

CAMP FIRE AND CHRISTMAS TREE

Company A Arranging Novel Entertainment for Early in

Company C Shoots.

ANCIENT DREDGE IS BURNED IN RIVER

Mysterious Explosion on City of Richmond Caused Blaze. Watchman Not Found.



takes this opportunity to thank his legions of friends, big and little, for their really overwhelming expressions of cordiality.

He is enjoying his annual visit hugely, and will not hitch up his reindeer for the homeward sprint dawn Christmas morning.

Meanwhile, his choicest gifts for Man and Boy have been unpacked and are on display at the shop of his good friends.

Jacobs & Levy R. S. V. P.

Question at Issue, Therefore, as to Whether Telegraph Company Is Liable.

WASHINGTON, D. C., December 17.—
Whether a telegraph company can be held responsible under State laws for the nonficilivery of telegrams, when sent from one point in a State to another point in the same State, but through another State, was involved in the cuse of the Western Union Telegraph Company vs. Charles E. Hughes, which was decided to-day by the United States Supreme Court, but as the court dismissed the case on a technicality, it did not discuss the point.

The case came to the Supreme Court from the Virginia Court of Appeals, and grew out of the failure of the telegraph company to deliver a message sent from Danville by Mr. Hughes to Pocahontas. Both points are in Virginia, but it was necessary that the message should go through West Virginia, where it was lost. Hughes brought suit in the Corporation Court, at Danville, under the State. WASHINGTON, D. C., December 17.-

THE ORDER INVALID.

Supreme Court Upsets Quarantine Order in Kentucky.

MISSION SERVICE.

Many Questions Asked at Sacred Heart Cathedral.

Inclement weather last night put a amper on the first of a series of in-ruction services to be held every night its week in Sacred Heart Cathedral by athers Waters and Van Inselgem. De-

and she needs a language that remains unchanged. The Latin language is, too, the historic language of the Western

Situation in States of the Northwest More Serious Than Ever Known.

MAKE THOROUGH INQUIRY

Legislative Action May Supplement the Inquiry Being Made by Commission.

GRAND FORKS, N. D., December 17.—
The fuel situation to day is the most critical ever known in the history of the State. Careful inquiry in every portion of the northern half of the State shows that there is not a town in which coal can be had, except in small quantities. In dozens of places there is not a pound to be bought, the dealers having been out of fuel for days.

One of the most serious features is the possibility of a snow blockade. A storm such as is usual at any time in the winter would pile up imagines drifts and tie up the roads absolutely for many days and cripple them for the winter.

Make Searching Investigation.

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MINNEAPOLIS, MINN., December 17.—
Investigation of the present fuel famine crisis in the Northwest may not stop with the investigation of the Interstate Commerce Commission now on in Minneapolis. It is probable that in every affected State, but notably Minnesota, North and South Dakota and Montana, the subject will be made a matter for legislative investigation. Northwestern coal dealers have indicated to the large shippers here that they plan to stir up an official investigation in their States.

The race is on between the railroads and the cold If the weather wins, cutting down the efficiency of motive-power and bringing on heavy bilizzards, there will be suffering and almost certainly loss of life. Reports to-day indicate that the railroads are rushing fuel into the districts where there is either an actual want or stocks are low.

Interestate Commerce Commissioners Make Searching Investigation.

Interstate Commerce Commissioners Lane and Harlan began an inquiry here to-day, the stated purpose being to fully enter into the conditions attaching to freight situation in the Northwes.

PRESIDENT TO ACT IN COAL MATTER

He Lays Facts Presented to Him Before Commission and Asks Prompt Inquiry.

WASHINGTON, D. C. December 17.—
President Roosevelt is taking a deep interest in the situation as to car shortage, complaints regarding which have come from many sections of the United States. He has talked with the members of the Interstate Commerce Commission about the matter, and in one case, where the statement was made that the people in some parts of North Eskota were freezing because of a lack of fuel, due to the

some parts of North Enkota were freezing because of a lack of fuel, due to the scarcity of cars, he referred the communication to the commission with the directions for a prompt inquiry.

Among suggestions that have been made to the President is that he recommend legislation by Congress empowering the government to take charge of the raffroads and operate them under certain contingencies, especially in a care like the present, where the shortage of cars affects the transportation of fuel and the necessities of life. The proposition, however, it is stated at the White House, has never been even remotely considered by the President.

NOT CAR SCARCITY.

Railroad Men Attribute Coal Shortage to Growth in Traffic. commissioners express the opinion that one cause for the shortage in fuel is that the dealers have not stored up in advance sufficient quantities for the winer supply, but have, as stated in the reply by President James J. Hill, of the Great Northmetric on the Great Northmetric one to act in the case. Mr. Williams deeply touched by this ribute of esteem from his publis, and expressed his appropriate from his publis, and expressed his appropriate from his publis, and expressed his appropriate from his publis, and expressed his self-adept touched by this ribute of cause from his publis, and expressed his appropriate from his published by this ribute of the first vibration of the first vibration from his published by the first vibration of the first vibration from his published by the ribute of the first vibration from his published by the published from his published by the ribute of the first vibration from his published by the ribute of the first vibration from his published by the ribute of

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dence taken to determine the cause of Mr. Montgomery's death was but sup-

May Inquire Further.

The question new uppermost is as to whether the insurance companies, whose suicide clause has not become nullified by the time contract, will be content with the heels of the other, as to the cause of the policy-holder's death. Insurance companies are always very careful about such matters, especially where there is the least doubt expressed as to the sufficiency of the jury investigation.

It was stated yesterday that Mr. Mont-gomery held \$10,000 insurance in the various fraternal order to which he belonged the Royal Arcanum, Woodmen of the World and Pythians. It is not known whether these orders will take any action

Richmond Clayed

Wetchman Not Pound.

Wetchman Not

The Coroner's Inquest. Coroner Lewis began th eliquest Sun-day after a post mortem examination of Bywater's body lasting nearly all Satur-

day night. Ten bullet wounds were found on the body, five from a 25 tables revolver and five from a 25. The first witness, L. H. Cromp, a neighbor of the Strothers, fold of hearing the pistol shots, going to the Strother house and finding the body.

E. S. Gaines, when

our home almost as a brother." Dr. H. T. Cheff, who was called in when Miss Strother in a desperate condition, and that it was the result of a criminal operation. The warrants were then issued. MR. SEVIER TO GO TO SEABOARD AIR LINE

Will Become Vice-President and Traffic Manager at Beginning of Year,

BURMINGHAM, ALA., December 17 .-Sevier, general freight agent of the t. & A. M. and E. JAMES Alabama Great Southern Ballroad, has been appointed second vice-president and traffic manager of the Sentourd, vice "S.A. A. Edward F. Cost, resigned. The appointvate telegram to Birmingham from W. A. Garrett, first vice-president of the Seaboard, and it takes effect on the first

BURNHAM IS SENTENCED TO TWO-YEAR TERM

The Fire Extinguished.

King Oscar Doing Well. STOCKHOLM, December 17.—King Os., for passed another good day. He had everal hours' sleep, and his improve-

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Railroads.

R.F. & P. 8:40 A. M.-Dally-Byrd St. Tr

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Seaboard Air Line Raily SOUTHBOUND TRAINS LEAVE BIG 9:20 A. M.—Lecal to Norlina, Raleig letts. Wilmington.

2:20 P. M.—Through Sleepers and Conclants, Birmingham, Savannah, wills and Florida points.

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